



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 6530.0145-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Jose L. FRANCESE et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3735
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Application No.: 09/977,401)	Examiner: Marmor II, Charles Alan
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Filed: October 16, 2001)	
)	Confirmation No. 3026
For: SUCTION ADAPTER FOR)	
MEDICAL INSTRUMENT)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

This Amendment replies to the final Office Action mailed May 4, 2006 and Advisory Action mailed November 7, 2006, the period for response having been extended to November 4, 2006 by a Petition for Extension of Time - Three Months filed November 3, 2006, further extended to January 3, 2007 by a Notice of Appeal filed November 3, 2006, and further extended to February 5, 2007 (February 3, 2007 is a Saturday) by a Petition for Extension of Time - One Month filed herewith. This Amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.